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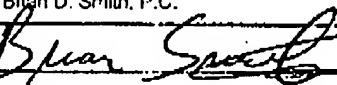
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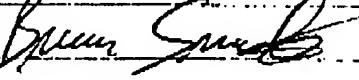
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Applicants appreciate the allowance of Claims 2-11 and 21 in the Office Action mailed August 16, 2005 and the indication therein that claim 20 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form and including the base claim and any intervening claims.

Method claims 18, 19 and 22 were, however, rejected in the Office Action under 102(c) as being anticipated by Naito. It would appear that the Office's primary reason for rejecting these claims is based upon the Office assertion that mufflers are replaceable. Applicants would agree that "automotive mufflers" are generally replaceable. However, Applicants respectfully submit that they are not merely claiming a method of replacing a muffler in an automobile. As the Office will appreciate, what Applicants are claiming is a method of attenuating the noise of air flow in the intake section of an air dryer which as recited in claim 18 comprises inserting a